



## Impact of Ongoing Pandemic and School Disruptions on College Placement Agreement for 2020-21 Bridge to College Students (Updated March 2021)

### Bridge to College Math

- Our Bridge to College schools around the state continue to face a range of learning challenges and are operating in a variety of remote modalities. Given that reality, rather than completing the full course our expectation for 2020-21 is that **to qualify for as an official Bridge to College Math course teachers will need to complete at least through Unit 6.**
- Given the variety of ongoing challenges and circumstances this year, we are extending the decision from spring 2020 that *the college placement agreement connected with the course will be a local college decision rather than automatic and statewide.* We strongly encourage colleges to support students whenever possible and honor the agreement of a B or better grade providing direct placement into Math& 107 or Math& 146 (or their equivalents).

### Bridge to College English

- For 2020-21, Bridge to College English will require that students complete at least **five** modules and the associated culminating writing assessment to earn the college placement agreement or the graduation pathway.
- The system-wide automatic placement agreement is still in place for Bridge to College English. The course grade reflects the student's performance status as of the end of the fall term or at the school closing date in June. Given the nature of the course curriculum, the "B or better" grade should still be a meaningful indicator of college readiness.

NOTE: Bridge to College students are told each year to follow whatever procedure the college has defined to submit Bridge to College course grades for placement. They also have been told that to use the agreement they need to be prepared to provide a copy of their high school transcript after they are admitted to one of the participating higher education institutions. If students wish to enroll in a course different from what the agreement allows, they understand that they may be required to provide more transcript information or take a placement test. **Especially given the current circumstances, however, we strongly encourage colleges to help students use their Bridge to College grades for placement by making the process as simple and transparent as possible.**

### Questions about the implementation of the placement agreement for the Class of 2021?

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